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THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOVIET CULTURE AND ECONOMY

Women play an important role in Soviet culture and economy. Women make up hal of the total number of specialists who have completed higher educational institutions and considerably more than half of the doctors and teachers in the Soviet Union. Over 360,000 women work as engineers and technicians, 42,000 women are agronomists and other agricultural specialists, 191,000 women are doctors, 945,000 are teachers, and about 60,000 are scientific workers at universities, institutes and scientific research institutions. To date, 399 women have been awarded Stalin Prizes for outstanding work in science, literature, and art and for inventions.

In the political sphere, over 160,000 Komsomol women are secretaries of primary Komsomol organizations and over 3,000 work as secretaries of rayon, town, and oblast committees of the Komsomol. Over a million women are members and candidate members of the Communist Farty, and over 5 million women belong to the Komsomol. About 50,000 women head primary party organizations, and over 2,000 work as secretaries of rayon, town, and oblast committees of the Communist Party. Over a million women have been elected to leading organs of the trade unions.

Immense political and cultural progress has been made by women of the national republics. For example, in the industry of the Kazakh SSR women make up 41 percent of the total number of workers, and constitute 42.2 percent of the total number of specialists with a higher education in the republic. In the industry of Tadzhik SSR, 47 percent of all workers are women, and thousands of women have higher and middle-school education.

Over 3 million Soviet women have been awarded the orders of "Glory of Motherhood" and the "Medal of Motherhood," and over 33,000 carry the title of "Mother-Heroine," In 1950 the total sum of state allowances awarded to mothers with many children was more than 3.5 billion rubles.

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